

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday May 15, 2014
Time	8am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
Members Present	Donovan Bergstrom, Karen Crompton, Chris Crowder, Scott Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Nindy Le, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, Shirlee Silversmith, Rachael Skidmore
Members Excused	Pat Berckman, Gini Highfield, Brent Platt, Pam Vickrey
Members Absent	Patrick Garcia
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors: Rob Butters
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Karen Crompton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Donovan Bergstrom seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Troubled Youth Conference Reports (tape 1:45)
Notes	<p>Reg stated that the Do the Write Thing state winners were honored last Friday at the Troubled Youth Conference. The Pacific Islander session was good in that cultural norms were highlighted.</p> <p>Gini Highfield could not be here, but sent her comments to Reg via Email. There were more than 800 attendees, thirteen out of state faculty in addition to instate experts. Thirty sessions were available and forty nine scholarships were awarded.</p> <p>Judge Michie discussed the brain development session noting that knowledge on the subject has exploded in the last ten years. New brain imaging techniques have really helped advance our understanding of brain development.</p> <p>Van Nguyen especially liked the brain development session also, noting the nine areas of development. She also liked the keynote speaker "Chuck".</p> <p>Anthony Johnson remarked how vitally important parenting is to brain development in children and that parents should be aware of this. Anthony also liked the keynote speaker.</p> <p>Shirlee Silversmith liked the breakout session with "Chuck" and his message. Shirlee also listened to a storyteller that talked about her own experience of rape and sexual assault and discovered that victims don't always know the vocabulary to describe what has happened to them and how important it is for others to support them and believe them.</p>
Agenda Item	DMC Discussion (tape 25:20)
Notes	Cuong received news from the Juvenile Court on May 2nd that it would not move forward with implementing the cultural competency curriculum. The curriculum was developed by the University of Utah Center for Public Policy Administration with input from JJS, Juvenile Court, and DMC Subcommittee representatives. Juvenile court said that it would not implement the new curriculum "due to the generalized nature of the curriculum and the limited base content." JJS indicated it was "concerned about how technical it is, from the articles to the case studies." The curriculum took almost one and half years to current stage. The DMC Subcommittee will discuss how to move forward on this issue.
Agenda Item	Shackling Update/Discussion (tape 43:42)
Notes	Pam Vickrey could not be here today and reported to Reg via Email. The pilot began on May 5 and so far, out of roughly seven youth in custody, only three have qualified. The judge ordered

	<p>two of the qualifying youth to be unshackled. Statistics are being kept on the youth, number of times in court, age, gender etc. The two youth who were unshackled so far went without incident. The Sheriff's office is still requiring two bailiffs for the courtroom, so the unshackling order by the judge is still subject to bailiff availability, but so far the process has worked very smoothly.</p> <p>According to an attorney in Colorado, of the roughly 60,000 juveniles processed without shackles in the state of Florida since 2005, there have been only two incidents. One where a youth verbally reacted and one where the youth, a suspected victim of child abuse by his father, hit the father. No running problems.</p>
Agenda Item	UCJC Report on EBP QIP & Dashboard (tape 51:15)
Notes	<p>Rob Butters, Director, Utah Criminal Justice Center, College Of Social Work at the University of Utah, gave an updated report on the website referred to as the dashboard for UBJJ programs. Presently, the website is secured, with only teachers and those invited having permission to see the project as it is run on the University of Utah's Canvas system. The plan is to have the site up and running by the end of this month with all UBJJ programs being published.</p> <p>Rob demonstrated the functions of the website by showing the work that has been done on the CROSS project. The dashboard shows who, how and what they target with several pages showing numerous resources, such as: Learning modules, newsletters, a recommendation summary page, recidivism reports and course analytics.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled at 8:00 am, Thursday, June 26, 2014, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Building, Copper Room, Salt Lake City, Utah

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